



## Dear NVPians,

Greetings to you all!

A very warm welcome to the December 2016 Issue of our NVP Newsletter.

The month of November was accompanied by a lot of work. We conducted our 8th Volunteer Orientation Session and were honored by the attendance of Mrs. Talat Hashimi, the President of the Society for the Rehabilitation of Special Children (SRSC), one of our newly registered BI's. We have had a huge influx of new volunteers and our assigned volunteers have successfully completed over 650+ hours of volunteering!

We have a lot of new content to share and we hope you will enjoy this Issue. Please feel free to comment on the articles, share your thoughts and feedback or to ask the author a question. Until next time folks.

With warmest regards,  
A.C, Editor

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Successfully  
Complete**

**650+**

**Volunteer Hours**



**NVP Milestones**

**350+ Registered Volunteers**

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# 8th Volunteer Orientation Session Held on 19th November 2016



## **Volunteer Interview: Our star volunteer Muhammad Arslan shares his experience**



“I have done nothing but it was greater than zero. I would like to continue working at the Robin Hood Army with the same enthusiasm as I did before.”

**Muhammad Arslan - V# 199-06/16**

### **- What inspired you to become a volunteer in the first place?**

Because I felt that change starts from an individual who should contribute towards the development of society. Being a small part of society, we always imagine about the sudden change in our Society/Country but if every person devotes his/her time and effort for development, we will definitely bring about change.

### **- Would you like to share any moment or story about your experience at the Robin Hood Army?**

The experience at Robin Hood Army was superb as I was mainly involved in door to door distribution and crowd controlling. Every distribution left me with satisfaction and new experiences on my mind. On 13th of August, we went for distribution at Musharraf colony to distribute food for around 2400 people. I was assigned supply chain role where I had to look after the food as well as coordination with the Robin Hood Team on the way to Musharraf Colony. Further, I was also engaged in managing and packet distribution at the area. In a nut shell, every distribution brought about different learning experiences and made me want to remain a part of The Robin Hood Army.

### **- How has your experience been, volunteering through the NVP? Were you able to volunteer at an institution of your choice? Was it useful and easy to understand?**

Yes, NVP has a strong linkage with the management of various NGOs which enables an individual to take the task of his/her own choice.

### **- How did you manage your work and still find the time to volunteer?**

I used to manage my task according to the priorities and as my weekend is off thus the best way to utilize idle time is devote your efforts towards change and prosperity.

### **- What motivated you to keep volunteering at the institution?**

Volunteering is an ongoing process; it gives me satisfaction that I am a part of a well known international organization which serves for the eradication of food insecurity in the country.

### **- What message would you like to convey to those who are interested to volunteer through NVP. Is there anything you would like to change about this programme?**

No, everything was perfect, your communications with volunteers are unmatched and I will also recommend other individuals to contribute their time and effort through NVP.

## BI Testimonials: In conversation with Mrs. Talat Hashimi



Thank you for inviting me today, I'm delighted that this is a group of very punctual, coordinated, and selfless people. These things are very important to begin with. My motto is that sharing is caring. Whatever we do, we are solely looking at the happiness of the children. We have children coming from different age groups i.e. 3 to even 30 years old. We cannot just tell the older ones to leave so for them we have started a block printing, paper making and various different activities. People say that you have such a big area and there are only a 100 children, I said they are all special. One special child is equal to many normal children. We are an organization that gives importance to the children's personality formation by group activities, by sports activities and by taking them to places where for us it may be natural, but for them it is absolutely unheard of.

I was the president of the Horticultural Society and I used to take them to the Horticulture Flower Show and they would always be dazzled by it all. So what I am trying to say is SRSC is a place where we invite everybody to come at any time. It doesn't have to be specified that only some people can come. We have a very big place at the SRSC; the whole area is spread out on 8,000 sq. yards. We had an idea to make a hospital on it but naturally it is not possible as we are completely running on donations. So we have a big space for sports activities and Allah has been kind, we have built a very big sports ground that has an area for basketball, even a racing track and other sports activities.

There are around 7 to 8 likeminded schools in the whole of Karachi which have smaller areas and no place to play; so MashaAllah say we give them our sports ground to play on for free. The best part about our society, is that we provide transport to our children. In fact, we are looking for one more vehicle because children have increased; we are also building up four more rooms upstairs. And I don't feel happy sitting in my room because it can be utilized for other more important purposes; I can walk, I can go up. Touchwood we have gotten a donation from HBL to make small rooms upstairs for a small office. It is a very beautiful star shaped building and every room gets light. You just walk around and there's a garden in the middle and a hall.

One more thing I would like to tell Mr. Shahzad Hooda is that anytime if your volunteers would like to have something, with regards to a voluntary work, I will let you use SRSC's auditorium free. It will bring out the best in our team even. Supposing one of your volunteers comes and talks about their voluntary experiences and our people are listening, maybe 10 people from our team may pick it up or mothers of the children may say that 'yes I will do something too'. We want others to learn more about it and spread it as far as possible.

SRSC is a happy place and the children are all bright, they wear uniforms, they come in beautiful vehicles and it's all a controlled and organized system. Thank you very much National Volunteer Programme; I did not realize this was such an organized programme.

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